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EARLY HISTORY

Do you know that it is possible for your Scouts to attend lectures at the Chicago Historical Society, Dearborn and Ontario Streets, every Saturday morning free? These lectures will have a direct bearing on a great many of the Merit Badge subjects. The following will give you some idea of this work.

PIONEER LIFE IN ILLINOIS

The Log Cabin, its duties and its pleasures.
January 7, 1928.....January 21, 1928
January 14, 1928.....January 28, 1928

LINCOLN, THE MAN OF ILLINOIS

The product of hard work and straight thinking.
February 4, 1928.....February 18, 1928
February 11, 1928.....February 25, 1928

TRAVELING ILLINOIS

From canoe to airplane.
March 3, 1928.....March 17, 1928
March 10, 1928.....March 24, 1928

CHICAGO BEGINNINGS

Fort Dearborn to the city charter in 1837.
March 31, 1928.....April 14, 1928
April 7, 1928.....April 21, 1928

CHICAGO, A CITY

From swamp to skyscraper.
April 28, 1928.....May 19, 1928
May 12, 1928.....May 26, 1928

THRILLING STORIES

The New Book of Magic, by Professor Paradise and Joseph Leeming, describes simple and elaborate tricks for the boy who is interested in this type of entertainment—and many is the boy who will practice for hours just to fool and surprise his fellow chums. The troop contemplating an entertainment will do well to assign these instructions to a quick-witted Scout for study. The book is published by Doubleday, Page & Co.

The Flaming Arrow is a tale of adventure by Carl Moon that will appeal to the heart of every boy who loves a fearless hero and hates outrageous villains. It is about Indian life on the mesas before the coming of the white men, and is published by Stokes Company.

The Perilous Isle, by Octavia Roberts, is an exciting tale of adventure in which a young hero, during the French Revolution, leaves France to seek an uncle in Haiti, where he becomes involved in the native uprising. Published by Harper.

The Boys' Life of Colonel Lawrence. A hero of real flesh and blood is Colonel Lawrence and one more fascinating than any one of fiction. His exploits in Arabia and his almost uncanny influence with the natives, described by Lowell Thomas, who accompanied him in all his experiences, make thrilling reading even for the boy who prefers to read stories. Published by Century.

John Holmes at Annapolis is the story of a Nantucket boy who has been an enlisted man in the navy, of an act of heroism that brings him an appointment to Annapolis, and of his experiences at the naval academy. The author is Vincent H. Godfrey, and publisher, Houghton.

Sam Noble, Able Seaman. Away back in 1875 the author, then a boy of sixteen, joined the British navy. In this autobiography he tells of his years of experience on the high seas. A true description of the spirit of a sailor's life of the period, with its pleasures and hardships, friendships and tragedies, and travel experiences. Published by Stokes.

DRUM AND BUGLE CORPS

All West Side Scouts who are interested in Drum and Bugle work are particularly invited to meet with Mr. La Vine at the Jackson Boulevard Christian Church Annex, 2413 W. Jackson Boulevard, on Saturday afternoons at 1:30 o'clock for practice. Instruction given during these rehearsals.

NEWCOMERS to the SCOUT Family

Troop	Meeting Place	Time	Scoutmaster
64	Wicker Park Luth. Ch. 2112 Le Moyne Ave.		
74	Christopher House 2507 Greenview Ave.		
111	Chopin Public School 2444 W. Rice St.	Thurs.—3:30	W. Tomlinson
209	1st Italian M. E. Ch. 730 Sholto St.	Thurs.—7:30	H. A. Meyer
536	Bethseda Baptist Ch. 109 E. 53rd St.	Fri.—7:30	Chas. Reed
659	7th Presbyterian Ch. 8623 S. Sangamon St.	Fri.—7:30	E. C. Morgan
679	Marquette Park Presbyterian Church, 65th and California Ave.	Fri.—7:00	F. Mayer
694	St. Gall's Catholic Ch. 5517 S. Sawyer Ave.	Fri.—7:30	J. S. Pustelnik
713	Curtis Junior High School, 11445 State St.	Tues. & Thurs. noons, 11:30-12:00	M. Meyer
715	Pullman Presby. Ch. 110th & S. Park Ave.		
1804	St. Edwards Catholic Ch. 4344 Sunnyside Ave.	Fri.—7:45	J. O. McGlashan
1806	Ravenswood M. E. Church. 4511 N. Hermitage Ave.	Thurs.—7:30	Wm. E. Cook
1807	Covenant Brotherhood of the North Park Swed. Mission. 5254 N. Spaulding Ave.	Tues.—7:00	C. R. Johnson

CHANGES IN REQUIREMENTS

PATHFINDING

Requirements one and two have been amended to read as follows:

1. In the country, know every lane, by-path, and short-cut for a distance of at least two miles in every direction around the local Scout Headquarters; or in a city, have a general knowledge of the district within a three-mile radius of the local Scout Headquarters, or his home, so as to be able to guide people at any time, by day or night.
2. Know the population of the five principal neighboring towns, their general direction from his Scout Headquarters, or his home, and be able to give strangers correct directions how to reach them.

RADIO

The new requirements for Radio read as follows:

1. Receive and send correctly not less than five words per minute (formerly 10).
2. (a) Explain how and what you would transmit in order to establish communication with another station.
(b) Make up a sample radiogram including the "body" of the message.
3. Tell what the United States Radio Laws state about wave length, power, operating hours and kinds of apparatus for amateur radiostations; whether a license is necessary for all such stations; whether the operator needs a license; how one knows what call to use at an amateur station.
4. Write down five of the most important "Q" signals, and give the meaning of each.
5. Draw from memory, using correct symbols, the circuit diagram for a low power, short wave transmitting set, and describe briefly the principal pieces of apparatus required. Describe how it works. Explain how to use a wave meter in connection with this transmitting apparatus to secure the proper wave length of radiation.
6. Draw from memory, using correct symbols, a wiring diagram of a complete receiving apparatus, using a vacuum tube detector, fixed and variable condensers, resistances, batteries, phones and grounds. Describe each part of the apparatus and explain how it works.
7. Describe a vacuum tuber, name some of its possible uses, and show a diagram for one of them.
8. Explain the difference between continuous waves, and modulated or interrupted continuous waves. (Spark signals, formerly required, now omitted.)
9. Construct with his own hands a practical working receiving set, and demonstrate its operation for receiving signals from a station 25 or more miles away.
10. Explain how to install an antenna, how to connect it to the sending and receiving set, how to ground it properly and how to protect it against lightning and power wires.

NOTE: The holding of a first grade amateur operator's license and a regular or special amateur station license will exempt the holder from examination on counts 1, 2, 3, and 4. Both the operator's license and the station license must be presented before the local Court of Honor and shown to be in force at the time the badge is awarded. (Former No. 5 is omitted.)

SCOUT INSIGNIA AS HONORARY AWARD

The use of any Badge of Achievement or Rank for purposes other than specified in the Official Handbooks, is disapproved.

ACHIEVEMENT SCOUTS

Achievement Scouts No. 1 will be allowed to earn Merit Badges not to exceed five in number, from the list of thirty suggested for Second Class Scouts.

LEARNING by DOING

So many deeds of bravery in the saving of life has come to the Editor's attention that it is impossible to have a separate write up on each incident. We are, therefore, going to combine them all into one story.

Little did John Donohue of Troop 348 know that he would be called upon to save the life of a pal during his summer vacation. Such was the case. He not only saved his pal from drowning but the life of his pal's mother.

Jammed brakes, a car goes over the bank and a lady has a compound fracture of one arm. Two cars arrive at the same time; one from Sycamore, Illinois, and one from

Chicago. The former with two Scouts and the latter an Eagle Scout. First Aid was rendered; tourniquet applied and splints put in place. Real Scout service rendered to the needy by Brother Scouts. Names were not secured.

Scouts at Camp Owasippe were called upon to render real service during the summer when a searching party was being organized to look for little Richard Mays. The gang was organized and searched the surrounding country until 10:00 o'clock at night. Neighbors prepared food for the Scouts and Bob Ring transported them to and from Camp in big trucks. The search was taken up next morning and Richard's body was found in 9 feet of water in White Lake.

Robert Wake will remember the Bare Foot Boys' picnic because he had a very narrow escape. Robert, while enjoying all the fun, fell out of a boat into Lake Michigan. It remained for Fred Budinger of Troop No. 1 to come to his rescue. Fred applied artificial respiration and Robert will enjoy the picnic again next year.

Sidney Goldberg, formerly a Scout of Troop 877, played the role of a real hero and exemplar of Scout training and practice when by using the Schaefer method of artificial respiration, he was able to save the life of a neighbor's baby several weeks ago.

The baby daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Teshkin had been playing in an empty bath tub when the drain suddenly closed and the youngster was found completely submerged in the water. The frantic appeals of the mother attracted the attention of the former Scout who rushed in and immediately began giving artificial respiration. Parents and neighbors who were witnesses of the affair credit Sidney fully for saving the baby's life. It can well be noted that although the boy is at present not registered as a Scout, he has not forgotten his Scout training and work which is a credit to his former troop.

Scouts are encouraged to BE PREPARED for all emergencies. Be it First Aid, Life Saving or what not. A Scout LEARNS by DOING.

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WINTER NEWS FROM OWASIPPE

The snow has come to stay, Mr. Rue Miller, our caretaker, says. He has just returned from a hunting trip. He secured a buck with ten points. He also ran into a bear. We don't know which was the most frightened.

Cicero, the snowy owl at the Checaugau zoo, met an untimely end recently. A weasel no doubt caused it all. At any rate old Cicero kicked in and before the discovery was made old Blinker, the horned owl, had had breakfast, dinner and supper. The feathers alone remained to tell the tale.

The other animals are fat and lazy. The raccoons have become very tame and cookies or crackerjack will get them on your lap anytime. The old opossums are twice as big as when camp closed and just as lazy as ever.

Five little rabbits are now keeping company with the two we had at the close of camp. They are as cute as can be.

And the skunks—oh, my! They are still with us but Mr. Miller and his family aren't even on speaking terms with them.

Next month the ice will be cut and stored. Over 150 tons are put away for summer use.

Mr. Miller and his men are going over the camp cots repairing those where "Fat" came through, or replacing springs, etc. Tools are being sharpened and boats repaired and painted.

Whitehall is dead as a door nail if compared with its summer activities. But the good folks there are merely resting. The first sign of spring will cause them to jump into action once more. Then the freezing machines will turn out Pitkins ice cream, the bakery will roll doughnuts and the pop corn machine will pop corn. Happy thoughts, eh, what, old Scout!

HOW MANY MONTHS TILL CAMP?

Count 'em, Scout—1—2—3—4—5 and a half! Five and a half months till school closes, till the old boat shores off, till you sight the shores of Michigan again, till you arrive in the old camp once more. Glory be, Scout! don't you just feel like hugging yourself at the thought of it?

Camp! What a world of possibilities that word means. What a lot of good times follow in its train. Camps behind us hold oodles of wonderful times. How about this one only five and a half months off.

It promises to be the most glorious of all. It's pretty hard to tell it all this far away but listen to these early observations.

Every district will camp where it camped last year. At camp Checaugau the whole tent arrangement will be changed, the new set-up following the brim of the saucer-like plateau, a part of which was used in the old set-up.

Changes in sites at other camps will also be made.

The mess halls at Camp McDonald and West will be remodeled to admit more light and air. Kitchens everywhere will be snowy white.

More new canoes—row boats and athletic equipment are being purchased.

And wonder of wonders, the old granite dishes are to be thrown out and replaced by handsome china dishes as used at Beard last summer.

At Belknap a dredge will scoop out a sandy swimming beach.

Cement dishwashing platforms are to be built at Blackhawk and Checaugau.

So much for the physical end of the camp. Now listen to the program and fun end.

So that every leader is right on his toes with the newest methods and plans all leaders will attend training courses before camp. Here ideas galore will be hatched up and be ready for instant springing.

Handicraft, and campcraft methods, life saving, swimming and seamanship training, canoeing, hiking and exploring expeditions worked out. All this and more—and more.

Rumor has it that a special camp for old campers will be built. If so, it will provide old timers with a specialty program, the subjects perhaps being pioneering, seamanship,

nature work, Indian village and the nomads or wanderers. More about this when actual decisions are made.

Another new feature this year will be the special facilities afforded troops to camp as a unit. This idea has never been used extensively at Owasippe but watch out for it this year. It promises to be the best idea ever, for it means you will have your own troop leaders right with you. How easy it will be to work out all those stored up plans you have. And your Scoutmaster's family will be cared for, too, at the family camps.

TWO-A-MONTH CLUB

In 1926, South Central District organized the first class Scouts into a club for the purpose of promoting merit badge work. The club met two nights a month and had a program of instruction and entertainment. Some important tests were given, particularly the Civics merit badge, by Earl S. Johnson, Director of Davis Square, and the Athletics badge by "Ken" Rouse, captain of the U. of C. football team.

The members of the club passed many merit badges and some advanced to the Star, Life, and Eagle ranks. Melvin Patrick, Eagle candidate from Troop 423, says that his greatest interest and instruction was gained through membership in the club. "Pat" is practically finished with his Eagle work.

First Class Scouts—you, too, can profit by being a member of this club which meets the first and third Wednesday nights of each month in Davis Square Park, 45th and Marshfield, at 7:30 o'clock.

The subjects for December are Pathfinding and Firemanship. Avail yourself of this opportunity to get instruction and you will progress along the trail until you reach the coveted honor of Eagle Scout.

Next meetings on Dec. 7 and Dec. 21. Mr. Parker of Scout Headquarters will meet with the group.

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Many Scouts wear the Official Boy Scout Uniform all the time—at school, doing chores and following their Scouting Program. It is so comfortable and besides giving freedom in every position, has that smartness of appearance which characterizes all Official Boy Scout Uniforms. It is tailored and reinforced to meet all the strains of a vigorous Boy Scout's life.

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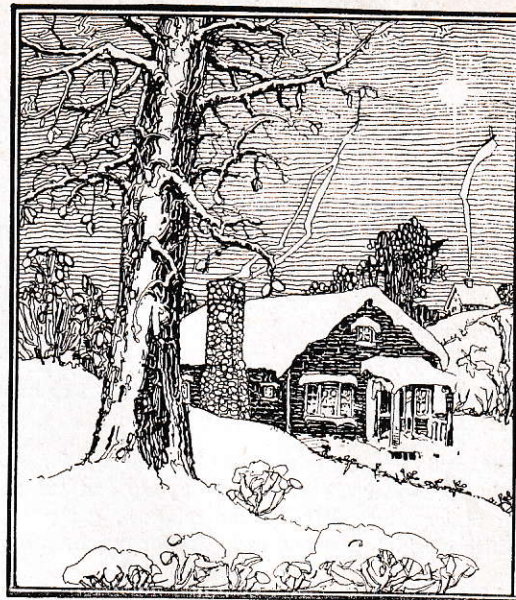
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CHRISTMAS

Christmas, the anniversary of the birth of Christ. It is observed on the twenty-fifth of December—one week before the New Year. The celebration dates from the fourth and fifth centuries. Among the Romans, certain Christian practices were adopted from an older pagan feast in honor of the birth of the sun or Sol. Among people of Germanic ancestry, including the English, the celebration of the Christmas season, with holly, mistletoe, wassail, and the Yule log, are relics of an old pagan festival commemorating the shortest day of the year. The custom of making presents at Christmas time is associated in the popular mind with the gifts presented to Christ by the Wise Men of the East; but in reality, at least so far as English-speaking people are concerned, it is derived also from an old heathen usage. The custom of decorating Christmas trees has been traced from Rome to Germany, from Germany to England, and from England to the United States. The prejudice



against Christmas observance, as too strongly tinged with the heathen tradition, was so strong in Scotland that, until recently, children in Presbyterian families had no Christmas. Even yet it is not a popular holiday in Scotland. In New England at an early day, it was considered inappropriate—irreverent—to celebrate Christ's birthday with feasting, gift giving, and jollity.

I heard the bells on Christmas Day
Their old familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet
The words repeat
Of peace on earth, good-will to men.
—Longfellow

Thrilling Stories for Boys

- The Trade Wind is the \$2,000 Little Brown prize story for 1927. It deals with the experiences of a boy on the voyage of the *Anna Maria* to the West Indies, the African coast, the Spanish coast, and Tangiere. By Cornelia Meigs.....\$2.00
- The Mounted Troop was so popular when it appeared serially in *BOYS' LIFE* that we want to bring it to the attention of Scouts who are not subscribers to the magazine. By Joseph B. Ames\$1.75
- A Boy's Eye-View of the Arctic can be had by any boy who reads this book. The author is the boy of the expedition, and he tells how a real boy feels about it. By Kennett Rawson.....\$1.75
- Renfrew Rides Again. Assisted by two boys, Renfrew fights a long-drawn battle with a group of ruffians, who give difficult chase in the primeval wildernesses of Canada. By Laurie York Erskine\$1.75
- The Boys' Life of Alexander Hamilton. Is there a boy who has not thrilled to the name of this most colorful character in American history? By Helen Nicolay.....\$2.00
- Gay-Neck, The Story of a Pigeon, from its birth in far-away India through its experiences in the World War—this is all told thrillingly. By Dhan Gopal Mukerji.....\$2.25
- Engineering for Boys is a wonderfully interesting account of some of the marvels of British engineering with some of the history and mechanical details. By Ellison Hawks.....\$2.50
- Forward Ho! takes us back to the great war. By Perry Newberry\$2.00

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SCOUT EXPOSITION

Do you remember last February, Scout, when we staged that great merit badge exhibit? That was some affair, eh, what?

Well, just wait, this year's show will make that one look sick by comparison.

January 26, 27, and 28th are the dates this year. We're going to have it in the same place, the 131st Regiment Armory, at 16th Street and Michigan Avenue.

Troops and Scouts have been clamoring for months, yelling in Headquarter's ears to hurry up and get the Exposition under way. Well, come on now, get your pedal extremities working fast and keep up, for we're on our way.

The powers that be met the other noon and gave each other jobs to do. Mr. Stephen Y. Hord is chairman. Mr. Milo Westbrooke is arranging the exposition, Mr. Roy Battis is setting up the budget and arranging the sale of tickets and refreshments, to say nothing of getting the souvenir program ready, and renting the commercial booths.

Mr. Maurice Needham is getting publicity in every conceivable way, while Mr. Sam Bosley is assembling the prizes. Now, how does that strike you? These men are all real Scout boosters and believe me they will see to their share of the work.

Over forty troops have accepted badges to demonstrate. Mr. A. S. Irvine is securing amongst the Kiwanians, sponsors. Mr. F. F. Bradley, our Scout Commissioner, is going to be responsible for the contents of the booths.

Last year's grand prize winner was Troop 285. Their booth was pioneering. Their last year's efforts were certainly remarkable and they already have elaborate plans for this year.

Others, too, are getting ready, and soon Scouts will move in the Armory and then for the noises and hub-bub, the crowds, and hot dogs—the clanging of the fire bell in the firemanship booth, the crowing of the poultry keeping booth's rooster, the clang-clang of the Scout smithy—martial music from the orchestra pit—the booming of flashlights and the roar of thousands of admiring friends exclaiming at the unbelievable ability of Scouts.

Boy—oh, boy! All this comes with a Scout exposition. It will be wonderful to get in to the throb and pull of it. Now every Scout on his toes. Let's make this the "Unbeatable Scout Exposition!"

Tell your friends, and line up your folks. Talk the Exposition everywhere. Make people think life itself depends on their seeing this show. Soon you will get your troop tickets to be sold. Do your share and more! Get everybody there!

If your troop is lucky enough to be demonstrating a merit badge, pitch in and make it the prize winner.

C'mon everybody. Show Some Scout Spirit—Let's Go!

CITY Wide COURT of REVIEW

JANUARY

EAGLE and PALM COURT of REVIEW, WEDNESDAY January 11th, at SCOUT HEADQUARTERS, 37 S. Wabash Avenue, Room 905, at 6:30 P. M. APPLICATIONS must be filed at HEADQUARTERS on WEDNESDAY, January 4th.

FEBRUARY

EAGLE and PALM COURT of REVIEW, WEDNESDAY February 8th, at SCOUT HEADQUARTERS, 37 S. Wabash Avenue, Room 905, at 6:30 P. M. APPLICATIONS must be filed at HEADQUARTERS on WEDNESDAY, February 1st.



Christmas Holidays

Scout Headquarters will be closed Saturday, December 24th and also Monday, December 26th for the Christmas Holidays.

Headquarters will also be closed in celebration of New Year's on January 2nd.





—Steve Ram

The new schooner Idler had its first long trip under Sea Scout control on Nov. 4, 5 and 6. With Jack Holbrook as Skipper and an experienced crew a trip to Milwaukee was run off in good time. The return, however, was a tough beat. Due to centerboard trouble she would not make speed to windward and there was plenty of wind to push against. They made Belmont Harbor in the tiny hours of Monday morning, pretty tired, but otherwise O. K.

Nokomis

Nokomis' crew worked hard and got her all stripped down. She lies opposite the Columbia Yacht Club now but will be up dry and snug before Santa Claus cruises around.

Sports

The new Skippers and Mates Association is sponsoring various athletics with the idea of encouraging better acquaintance and promoting good sportsmanship among the ships. If there is any activity in which you shine or would like to have taken up, get in touch with G. Shipman of the Athletics Committee, 2555 Cullom Ave., tel. Independence 0625.

Boxing and Wrestling

The matches held on the Columbia Y. C. turned out to be very lively, and a good crowd attended. Such interest was shown that another show will be given on Friday, Dec. 16th, at 8 o'clock.

Holbrook and Power, and Eskonen and Stevens, who were incapacitated by injuries last time, will positively appear in grizzly combat on the wrestling mat.

Señor "Speed" Murphy of the "Camilla" will provide 11 oz. gloves, which will be easier on the gladiators.

This event is informal and open to all ships. If you have any champions in your outfit or two fellows you have a brotherly longing to paste one another on the chin, we will be glad to see them.

Basket Ball

The league is well under way now. Games are played Wednesday and Friday on board the "Commodore" at the foot of Randolph St., starting at 7 p. m. Six teams are active in the league with more coming up. The standing is a bit scrambled yet, but McMillan leads with two games won; Corsair second. Full standings published in next issue.

Engine Class

Every ship should have at least one good engineer—more if possible. Now's your chance! A class in engines will be conducted by Mr. Nettling on the Columbia Y. C. Theory and practice will be laid down in a thorough, understandable way. The first meeting of the class will be Sunday, Dec. 18, at 10 a. m. If the interest warrants, some week night may be used. The Portmaster may issue special engineers papers to those who qualify. This is distinctly worth your while.

Odds and Ends

The Quartermasters will soon have a distinctive badge of their own.

Some good sea stories in Boys' Life these days.

The eastern regions are making a hard drive on Sea Scouting. We'll have to be lively to keep ahead.

NEWS OF FOREIGN PORTS

Down in New York they claim to have the prize active veteran—T. J. Murphy, aide to the National Director, 10 years in Sea Scouting. He started with Mr. Wilder. Give him a hand! Maybe we have some ancient mariners, too—let's know.

These fellows on the east coast are going after our laurels with considerable vigor. The Essex (Orange, N. J.) logged 22,000 Sea Scout miles. The New England regional schooner ran up 50,000 Sea Scout miles. We note that the Stephen Decatur ship of New York now possesses a 27-foot motor launch.

The tentative Sea Scout requirements circulated last spring have been approved by National Headquarters and are now official. Please take notice.

TO—All Skippers

FROM—Chief Portmaster

SUBJECT—Summer Cruising

1. The Chief Portmaster is desirous of obtaining the following information: The names of all the members of your ships that sailed last summer on a Sea Scout cruise on Lake Michigan or elsewhere on either a sailboat or a steamboat, and whether it was under Sea Scout or private auspices. This information should also contain the Sea Scout rating of the boy, the distance cruised and the length of time on the boat during the summer.

2. If any of the members of your ship were participants in any of the races this summer, particularly the Mackinac race, the Chief Portmaster would like to have it listed after the boys name.

3. It is requested that this information be in the Chief Portmaster's hands this week.

4. It is suggested that the following form be followed in sending in your information.

NAME	RANK	SHIP CRUISED ON	MILEAGE
RESULT IF IN RACE			

Chief Portmaster,

A. R. Pieper

Asst. Chief Portmaster

J. T. Power

SHIP NEWS

We have not the complete cruising mileage yet, as the "Nokomis," "Idler" and other boats are still sailing. The "Corsair" has rung up 22,500 Sea Scout miles on the last tabulation. This sounds like the best yet. However, we shall see.

The Privateer are still officiating on the race committee of Chicago Y. C., but we know nothing else of North Shore. Let's hear from you!

UP THE RIVER

The boys who are forming a new Sea Scout Ship at the Howell House had a little hard luck with their sloop, the Sea Urchin. Their ship broke away from her mooring in a heavy blow and it was found best to take her up to the ship yard for repairs. Through the courtesy of one of the yachtmen, the boys of the John Paul Jones were able to borrow an outboard motor, which was put on the famous J. P. J. kitten.

The start was made about three o'clock on a Saturday afternoon and the trip down the South branch of the river was made without trouble. However, on the trip back the fun began. The motor began to skip and miss as it was hard going against the strong current. The motor stopped two or three times and finally could not be started again, so the boat was left in care of the bridge-tender at Van Buren Street and the motor was returned to the Yacht Club in an automobile.

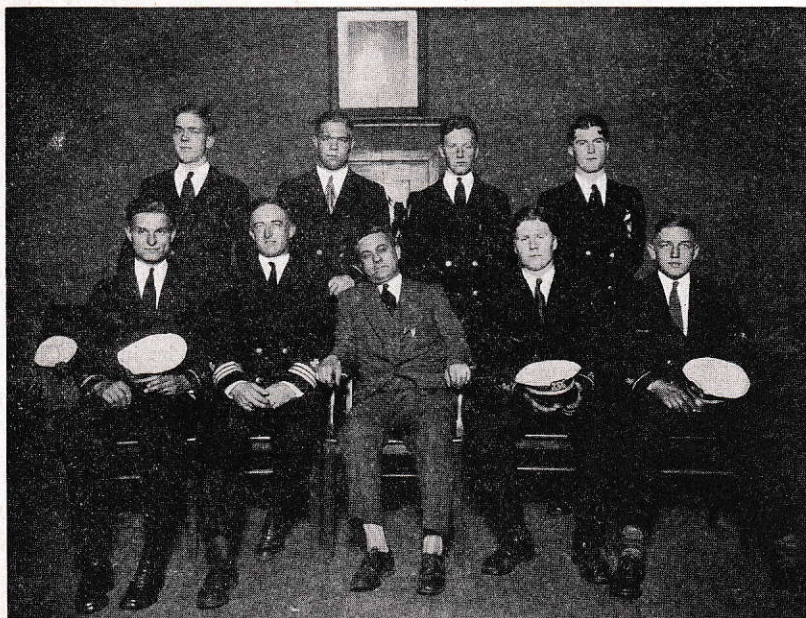
On the next Saturday the motor was overhauled and after turning it over for about two hours was finally started. Once started it ran smoothly and the trip down the river and then back, towing the kitten was made in about an hour.

Renegade, Old Ironsides' sloop, went up to the yards in a rush last Saturday towed by an 8-horse engine loaned by one of the crew. The throttle started to come off once and the crew of the fire tug stopped to watch the boats drift downstream. The damage was repaired in a jiffy, however, and a quick journey was enjoyed by all. Coming back there was a race to beat the dark as the dingy had no lights. Nature won, as usual.

LOG OF THE NORTHERN LIGHT CRUISE

By Steve Ram

On the 29th of January, 1927, eighteen Chicago Sea Scouts were chosen as possible candidates for the Borden-Field Museum Alaska Arctic Expedition. This took place at the Sea Scout Powwow at the U. S. S. Commodore. The first nine were named in the order chosen: Andrews, Holbrook, Ram, Power, Norberg, Stevens, Bisbee, Carstensen, and Purcell. The Sea Scouts were chosen for outstanding character, past performance in Sea Scouting, seamanship, and mental and physical fitness. The physical examination was the same as that given United States Naval Officers. Three of them failed in this, which was very strict.



John Borden and Sea Scouts

The Columbia Yacht Club gave a farewell dinner on April 2nd, to the eight final Sea Scouts, who, by the way, were all under twenty-one years of age. Their names were Andrews, Holbrook, Ram, Power, Carstensen, Purcell, Ryan and McClelland. The club presented each of them with a handsome diary, and the Dirigold Corporation, of which the Prince of Sweden is the president, presented them each with a three-piece set of gold silverware. The dinner proved to be a huge success.

At last the long awaited hour arrived. On the evening of April 9th, amid a station full of cheering friends, relatives, photographers, and others, the Sea Scouts left on the Santa Fe California Limited.

On Sunday morning a stop was made at Kansas City, where they snapped some films of the Soldier's Memorial. On Monday they passed through Williams, Arizona, in a blinding snow storm, and early Tuesday arrived at the Grand Canyon. Hiking outfits were donned, and the hike downward toward the river got under way. Towards evening they returned, having got to within a mile of the Colorado River, which is the bottom of the Canyon. It proved to be a most interesting experience.

At night the train pulled out, and arrived in Los Angeles the following afternoon. Mr. De Groot, Scout Executive, met them at the station. They drove them around town, then to Douglas Fairbanks' Studio and introduced them to him. He demonstrated his own game of "Doug," which is very similar to Tennis, and also some fancy whip cracking stunts. Later he took them in to see the filming of a scene in "Three Arabian Knights." Before leaving his studio, they were presented with an autographed medicine ball by him. In the evening the officials invited them to a reception at the Elks Club, where a fine time was had by all.

The train left Los Angeles at 8 p. m.—this time for San Francisco, from where the great adventure was to really start.

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ORGANIZATION NEWS

At the last Scoutmasters Association meeting, on October 3rd, a Sea Scout Activities Committee was appointed. Portmaster Baker, G. W. Shipman and L. Oloff are the members. Mr. Baker is chairman and Oloff the secretary.

A program was mapped out and the committee hopes to make Northwest District famous for her Sea Scouts.

South Shore District also has its Officers' meetings going again. It is said a fall rally is planned. The South Shore meeting is the largest in the city at the present time.

A meeting of Sea Scout officials from all districts is planned to take place November 14th at Scout Headquarters.

Wild rejoicing followed the purchase of the big schooner "Idler" by the Chicago Council. The bunch made haste to try her out and are well pleased. The following description is by Dick Stevens of the ship Corsair:

We have had our first sail on the new Sea Scout ship "Idler." She is a gaff rigged schooner, 62 feet long and built in the old clipper style. To one who has sailed on the modern type of schooner, the motion of the "Idler" in a seaway is something to look forward to. She rises to a sea and cuts through it without pounding in the least. Due to her clipper bow, she is exceptionally dry and has not been known to ship solid water. Her sails are all new and well proportioned. She should be an easy boat to sail under reduced canvas in a blow, as her foresail has enough area to allow comfortable headway.

Below she has berths in the main cabin for eight, a berth in the forward companionway for two, a stateroom for the skipper and mate, and berths forward for the two cooks. The galley is a delight to any real seafaring cook, having hot and cold running water, a large sink, a fine four-hole Shipmate range and a very large ice box. Her accommodations will easily take care of a crew of twenty with comfort to spare.

The build and gear are of the finest, as she was built when there was no need to economize on the best woods. She has oaken ribs and two-inch cypress planking. The ship is well supplied with charts, and her binnacle contains a fine Bliss compensating compass.

It is needless to say that with such a fine ship and with many competent skippers available, the Sea Scouts of Chicago will have many memorable cruises on Lake Michigan next summer.

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